

WOODBIDGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Monday, July 25, 2016

PRESENT:

Commission Members: Pennell Hamilton, Robert Hill, David Lunt, Jane Shernow, and Andrea Weinstein

Staff: John Adamovich, Recreation Director, Anthony Taddei, County Club Pool Director,

Public: Anthony Anastasio

Recorder: Jim Franco, Office Manager

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 pm

1. Public Comments: **A)** Anthony Anastasio congratulated Recreation, John Adamovich, and Kathy Adamovich on a well organized summer concert series. He enjoyed seeing new food trucks.
2. Minutes: Andrea Weinstein **made a motion to approve the Special Recreation meeting minutes of Monday, June 27, 2016.** David Lunt **seconded the motion. Under Field Fees, 2016 was added to the date of September 1st, when the field fees will take effect. Under Country Club, keep providing projection income and expenses. With those changes, All voted in favor.**
3. Liaison Reports: A) – no report
4. Town Plan – no new report. Volleyball court is in and being used. Shuffleboard court has been approved, but we are waiting on a location to install.
5. Field Fees –. Jim mentioned that so far the groups that it will affect, such as Everson, are fine with the new rates.
6. Country Club Pool: A) Anthony Taddei thanked the Commission for the basket. B) There are 167 members. 88 are new, 49 are returning. There are 122 residents, and 45 non-residents. The lifeguard chairs are in, but the umbrellas have not. The waterline has been repaired at a cost of \$385, which is used to add water to the pool. B) QVHD held an inspection. They scored 100. C) Pool usage is up to about 150 per day. They had 230 this past Sunday. The locker rooms have increased cleaning. Anthony thanks Jane for her help cleaning. Usage at this point is at 3162, which ranks 5th all time. Expenses for the Country Club season, he expects to be at \$103,344. Income is at \$116,851, broken down as follows: \$101,395 memberships, \$7800 bag, locker, and storage fees, and \$5,556 from fees such as the tent, lessons, and guest fees. Anthony is expecting a profit between 10,000 to \$20,000. Bob appreciates the report and getting over the breakeven point can help to pay for future capital expenses. Anthony mentions to accompany all the usage, 8:30am to 10 am has been added on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Anthony explained how the capacity in the gate is 250, and the capacity in the pool is 162. D) There are 20 broken lounge chairs. It is estimated at \$800 to repair. They have 120 lounge chairs, 50

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- strap chairs, and 50 metal chairs E) The tent was another concern. Anthony states that it stays up later in the season to accommodate events that Casper puts on. The tent needs to come down at certain temperatures. F) Bob applauds Anthony on the update, and is glad to see that the iPad is up and running. He thanks Anthony. F) Swim diapers are not allowed in the big pool, because there is an alternative, the kiddie pool, and children should use that pool. Jane mentioned that there needs to be a reminder that swim diapers are not allowed. Anthony explained that signs are posted and in the rules and regulations. The staff is doing the best they can to enforce it. Bob inquired if members can bring their own chairs. They can bring their own chair, but not pop up tents. G) Robert has been getting more business, and the other vendors' storage has been removed from the closet. H) Maria Kayne did the planting and it looks fabulous. Bushes have been removed close to the building. Maria explained that we needed "no bug" plants in that area. The Commission thanks Maria and Muffy for all their work. I) Andrea brought up the idea of half year memberships. Jane expressed that there are many members that signed up for a full year that are not around for the entire summer. Bob also, was not in favor because it might affect the way members sign up in the future, but appreciates the idea being brought up. J) Bob mentioned the Toll Brothers and Redan possibilities brought up at the July 13th meeting. A third option was mentioned for the Country Club. It should be used as a Recreation Center for the pool, tennis, golf, volleyball, and skating. The Commission explains how they did their best. The meeting with the 2 proposals is on Wednesday, July 27th, at 6:30 pm, in the Center Gym.
7. Pool – Going great. Summer camp is using it. Swim lessons are going well. Theresa is planning events for this Friday's camp Olympics.
 8. Personnel: none
 9. Fitness Center: A) Going well.
 10. Outdoor Facilities: A) Walking Trail – John will walk it on Tuesday morning to see if there are any wash outs from the storm. B) Multi-purpose fields are still open and are in very good shape. John will check with Adam about the netting near the playground area. C) Sports- Beth-Wood baseball is hosting the 8 year old tournaments
 11. Tennis Courts: Being used. John placed signs that permits are available at the Rec Office.
 12. Financial: Director's Report, Budget, Report: On target. Current expenses, we are at 9.6%. Last year we were at 19.1%. The previous year, we were at 18.7%. The current income was \$16,215 at 5.9%. Last year at this time it was 15,914 at 7.6%.
 13. Programs: A) Now, we have camp in session. Next will be the fall programs. B) Bob mentioned how if they use Dinn Brothers this year for the Road Race trophies, there should be a minimum savings of \$175. Andrea mentioned her meeting with Mary Hill and Kathy Adamovich over the Road Race and that they went door to door to get business sponsorships.

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14. Summer Concerts: Amazing turnouts. The weather has also been great. Jim broke down the expenses as follows: Cold Spring Harbor \$2500, Big Beat \$595, Angelo Ruggiero 1200, and the Vybrations \$600. The Commission thanks Kathy and Jim for all their hard work. A suggestion was made to have residents make suggestions on what they would like to see by posting a suggestion area on the Town Website.
15. Correspondence: Field Requests –Everson Soccer, September 6 until November, Monday thru Thursday 5 to 7:30, and Sundays, 12 to 5 pm at West River. Ezra requesting Pease Rd field, Tuesdays and Thursdays, September until the first week of November. Jim explained they are asking to go to 5:30, but Woodbridge Soccer needs to take the field at 5pm. **With the provision that Ezra needs to be off the field at 5pm, Bob Hill made a motion to approve Ezra, and Everson's the fall field requests. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor.** B) Woodbridge Rotary Thank you letter for the donation of a Beecher Family Pool membership at the silent auction for the annual wine tasting fundraiser.
16. Policies and Procedures: A) no report

Pennell Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jane Shernow seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.